THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS: (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) As per available information 5998 persons are under detention in 14446 "live" cases which are pending trial/investigation.

(b) This Ministry does not maintain information regarding persons convicted in TADA cases. Out of 42488 persons involved in 14446 cases 30357 persons stand released on bail.

Allocation of Funds for National Highways

1195. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise expenditure on development and maintenance of National Highways during 1994-95 and anticipated figures for 1995-96 in respect of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Kerala;

(b) whether the share of Karnataka has been the lowest both for 1994-95 and 1995-96 and if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what are the allocation of funds during 1995-96 for roads of inter-state and economic importance falling within the State of Karnataka and also figures for other recipient States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) The amount allocated for development and maintenance of National Highways during 1994-95 & 1995-96 in respect of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Kerala are given in the table below. The maintenance figures for 1995-96 do not include the allocations in repsect of Special Repairs and Flood Damage Repairs which will be decided towards and end of financial year after assessing the requirements.

(Rs. in lakhs)

	1994-95		1995-96	
	Development	Maintenance & Repairs	Development	Maintenance & Repairs
Andhra Pradesh	5194.50	2146.64	5700.00	1729.00
Karnataka	3189.00	1506.78	2600.00	1232.00
Kerala	3124.95	924.10	4200.00	517.00
Tamil Nadu	2589.50	1702.86	1100.00	1214.00

(b) No, Sir.

(c) A budgetary provision of Rs. 12.00 crores is available during 1995-96. State-wise allocation of funds including that for Karnataka will depend upon progress of sanctioned schemes during the year.

Loss incurred in the Printing and Distribution of Post Cards

1196. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether considerable loss is incurred in the transmission system of post cards if so, what is the total loss incurred

every year on this account, and the loss per post card;

(b) whether there is persistent shortage of post cards in post offices and outlets specially in villages and rural areas;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether Government propose to introduce a separate and specific type of post card meant for use exclusively for different Radio and TV entertainment and quiz programmes etc., to meet this shortage and to make good the losses?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Yes, Sir. The total amount of estimated loss to the Department on post cards during 1994-95 is Rs. 94.13 crores and the loss per Postcard is Rs. 1.58.

(b) and (c) The shortages have persisted owing to rising demand and static production capacities of the Government Security Presses. The position is likely to ease with supply of postcards printed in designated private Presses.

(d) There is a proposal to introduce a separate category of postcards for TV and Radio Quiz contests by appropriate legislation.

Panchayat Sanchar Seva Yojana

1197. SHRIMATI ANANDIBEN JETHABHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have evolved a new scheme "Panchayat Sanchar Seva Yojana";

(b) if so, the main objectives of the scheme;

(c) whether the scheme has been extended in the backward and tribal districts of Gujarat State; and

(d) if so, the details ot the location where this scheme, is being implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The main objective of the scheme is to provide basic postal facilities in Gram Panchayat villages where there is no Post Office, through the agency of Gram Panchayat.

(c) When the Government adopt the scheme for all India, it will extend to the backward and tribal districts of Gujarat.

(d) The locations will be identified only after the Government have adopted the scheme.

"Projects for Conservation of Environment and Forests in Tamil Nadu"

1198. SHRI V. RAJAN CHELLAPPA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the projects for conservation of environment and forests started in Tamil Nadu with assistance from Union Government and also from foreign institutions during 1993-94 and 1994-95;

(b) the amount of assistance provided by the Union Government and foreign institutions separately for each of these projects; and

(c) the progress made in each case?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a)to (c) The details of the projects for conservation of environment and forests